FY 2019 DHS / FEMA Preparedness Grants Kick-off Webinar

April 29, 2019

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Preparedness Grants Overview

- To build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities to achieve the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation.

- Gaps are identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

- Funding sustains current capability levels and fills identified gaps in **P**lanning, **O**rganization, **E**quipment, **T**raining, and **E**xercise activities in order to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or catastrophic events.

- The two (2) large Non-Disaster Grant programs related to this roll-out are the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) also sometimes known as "SHSP."

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Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
(EMPG) FY 19 Overview

These funds are used:

- By RIEMA, for personal, preparedness, planning, operations, operations support, response, recovery, grants management; and

- As "pass-through" for the State and Local Assistance (SLA) program:

    o Used to support local emergency management efforts including personnel, EOCs, and capability enhancement.

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Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
(EMPG) FY 19 Overview (cont'd)

All EMPG funded personnel shall complete either the Independent Study courses identified in the Professional Development Series or attend the National Emergency Management Basic Academy delivered either by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) or at a sponsored state, local, tribal, territorial, regional or other designated location. The Professional Development Series courses include:

- o IS-120.a An Introduction to Exercises
- o IS-230.d Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- o IS-235.b Emergency Planning
- o IS-240.b Leadership and Influence
- o IS-241.b Decision Making and Problem Solving
- o IS-242.b Effective Communication
- o IS-244.b Developing and Managing Volunteers

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Emergency Management Performance Grant

Key Changes & New Requirements

- **Distribution Management Plan**

  o In FY 2019, EMPG recipients will be required to develop and maintain a Distribution Management Plan as an annex to their Emergency Operations Plan – pertains to RIEMA only.

- **Period of Performance:**

  – Generally, local units of government receive a **one (1)** year period of performance.

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Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
(EMPG) FY 19 Overview
Projects for Consideration

The RIEMA EMPG program is directed at units local units od government in order to maintain and sustain an active Emergency Management Preparedness posture. Projects include:

- Funding for personnel such as the EMA Director or other staff for a local EMA program

- Sustainment of the program involving day to day expenses

- CERT team establishment, sustainment, and training

- Allowable costs also include: Planning that spans all five National Preparedness Goal Mission Areas; Equipment as allowable on the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) - https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list ; and training costs, to name a few

- Interoperable Communications Equipment

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EMPG FY 2019 Notes

- Salary expenses must be matched through municipal funds depicted in a budget document, line item in the budget, or similar document.

- Third party or "in-kind" match must be outlined in the pre-application and pre-approved by RIEMA prior to award, and cannot be used as salary match

- Construction projects will not be considered during this round of grant awards.

- Prior to a grant award being issued, perspective sub-recipients will have to submit the personnel/positions to be funded and certification that the required courses, under the EMPG program, are completed.

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State Homeland Security Grant Program
(SHSP) FY 2019 Overview

Projects for Consideration

These funds are used:

- 80% for supporting efforts such as Fusion Center, Cyber, Regional Teams, Interoperable Communications, Radiological, CBRNE/WMD, HAZMAT, planning, training, exercise, critical infrastructure protection, continuity of operations, and target hardening.

- 20% for RIEMA specific investment justifications (IJ's) designed for State Government initiatives that include:

  o THIRA related projects fortify municipal infrastructure systems such as power continuity; sharing of resources such as pumps or generators; reminder: no construction will be considered by RIEMA.

  o RISCON Communications Projects

  o Community Involvement (e.g.; CERT)

- There MUST be a nexus to TERRORISM for your project.

- No Cost Share / No Match Required.

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State Homeland Security Grant Program

Key Changes & New Requirements

- **Cybersecurity Assessment**

  o FY 2019 recipients and subrecipients will be required to complete the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), which is open annually from October to December, by the end of calendar year 2019 in order for agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), or equivalent for each recipient and subrecipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment.

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EMPG and SHSP FY 2019 Milestones

- Pre-screening Applications Due: **5/19/2019**

- Selected pre-screened applicants invited to submit

  formal grant request **6/23/2019 to 7/26/2019**

- Period of Performance Start: **10/1/2018**

- Period of Performance End: **To Be Determined**

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- Projects for consideration need to meet RIEMA's vision for a well-prepared whole community participation in planning, response, recovery and mitigation through addressing state priorities.

- Priorities are derived through the 2017 Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) and the State Preparedness Report (SPR).

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Our <u>State Priorities</u> as derived from the <u>THIRA</u> process:

- Supply Chain Integrity and Security
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Mass Care Services
- Situational Assessment
- Economic Recovery
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Planning
- Community Resilience
- Screening, Search, and Detection

How to Apply

- RIEMA is using a portal system for grant applications accessible through the RIEMA website located at: [www.**riema**.ri.gov](http://www.riema.ri.gov)

- Once you access the RIEMA website, click on the banner in order to apply for EMPG or SHSP.

- Multiple projects require multiple applications, e.g. Local CERT team funding using SHSP would require a SHSP application, while a local EMA Directors salary requires an EMPG application.

- This process is similar to the Department of Homeland Securities application process requirements for States.

How to Apply (cont.)

- Applicants must submit a pre-screening form for each project. Each project must have a budget figure(s) included. All fields need to be completed in order to submit. No pre-applications will be accepted after the portal closes.

- A pre-screening process will be used to review projects that fit in the Emergency Preparedness Program/State Emergency Management Strategy.

- Applicants will require being registered in the System for Award Management (SAM's) and use of your local Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number – please contact your city controller to determine your municipalities DUNS number.

- To ascertain whether or not your city is properly registered in SAM's go to: https://www.sam.gov
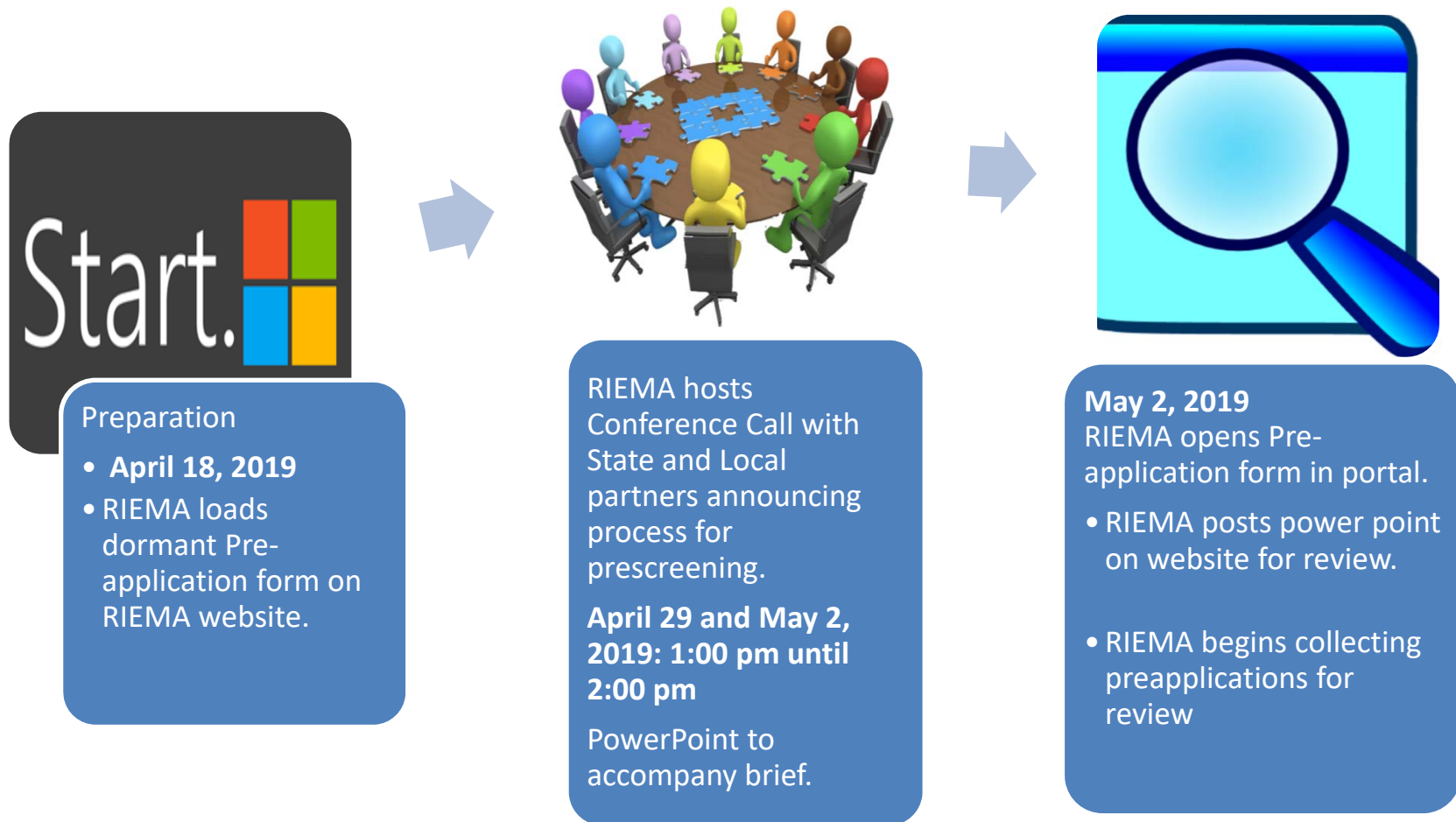
How to Apply (cont.)

- Selected applicants will receive a notification to apply. Application is done online similar to the pre-screening process. Your notification may place requirements on your application, e.g. more information is needed concerning your generator project, or you may be required to provide more milestones. The application process includes:

  o POETE
  o Budget
  o Goals/ Milestones – note please include 4 milestones in the application
  o Project implementation
  o Project Management requirements
  o Assurance forms, to include EHP information and other requirements

EMPG/SHSP Pre-application Process

Preparation

- **April 18, 2019**
- RIEMA loads dormant Pre-application form on RIEMA website.

RIEMA hosts Conference Call with State and Local partners announcing process for prescreening.

April 29 and May 2, 2019: 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm

PowerPoint to accompany brief.

May 2, 2019
RIEMA opens Pre-application form in portal.

- RIEMA posts power point on website for review.

- RIEMA begins collecting preapplications for review
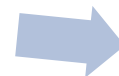
EMPG/SHSP Application Process

May 19, 2019
RIEMA Closes pre-application portal.

May 2, 2019 – May 19, 2019
RIEMA reviews pre-applications and selects projects for full application process.

June 21, 2019 – July 26, 2019
selected applicants invited to submit formal application to RIEMA for approval (POETE/Work plan model).

July 29, 2019 – August 19, 2019
RIEMA accepts formal applications and begins award process.

October 1, 2019
Award letters with related grant packages sent to sub-recipients.

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Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP)

DHS/FEMA is required to consider the effects of its actions on the environment and/or historic properties:

- Including but not limited to construction of communication towers, modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures and facilities, or new construction including replacement of facilities.

- Involves the submission of a detailed project description that explains the goals and objectives of the proposed project along with supporting documentation.

- Documentation required includes GPS coordinates, ground level and overhead photographs (screenshot from web-based map program), and detailed drawings.

- Any project with construction or installation related work must undergo EHP review – from mounting television monitors on walls to installation of a generator.

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Technical Assistance Available

RIEMA

- Communications Networks
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Cybersecurity assessments
- Planning for All-Hazards
- EHP Compilation
- Training and Exercise
- Risk assessments
- Floodplain management and mitigation

In order to request technical assistance, please go to the RIEMA website at: http://www.riema.ri.gov//contact/index.php

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Application Review – RIEMA & Partners

A Collaborative & Transparent Process

All applications will be reviewed and scored by:

- Representatives of **Interoperable Communications Committee**

- Representatives of **Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)**

- RIEMA **Grants Division**

- RIEMA **Director**

From the Director…. "Lessons Learned"

1. Federal level-funding is a win; don't count on increased amounts
2. Resources are limited, competition is high
3. Not all projects can be funded, even great ones
4. No partially-funded projects
5. Past funding does not guarantee future funding
6. If you have closed a gap, you could be a victim of your own success
7. If the funding disappears next cycle, what is your plan to sustain what you have? (see # 1)
8. Ensure that your applications for funding align with the THIRA!

From the Director…. "P is for Performance"

1. **Readiness**: *Begins at the local level and ends at the local level.*

2. **FEMA Requirements**:
   - NIMS Training
   - Independent Study (IS) 120a; 230d;235b;240b;241b;242b;244b
   - Shall complete **either** the Independent Study courses identified in the **Professional Development Series** *or* the **National Emergency Management Basic Academy**

3. **State Requirements EMPG**:
   – Maintain NIMS Compliance for the community
   – Maintain WebEOC user name and password; monthly log onto ;
   – Other requirements may apply

4. **EMPG Match**: *50/50*

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Questions?

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